NEBRASKA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD'S 92ND TROOP COMMAND WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER Released by Lt. Col. Kevin Hynes

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LINCOLN, Neb. – The Nebraska Army National Guard's 92nd Troop Command welcomed a new commander to its organization, Saturday, April 11, during a change of command ceremony held at the Penterman Armory in Lincoln.

Accepting the colors of the 92nd Troop Command from Brig. Gen. Richard Dahlman, assistant adjutant general-Army, was Col. Lynn Heng. He replaces departing 92nd Troop Command commander Col. Anita Curington who had served as commander of the Lincoln-based organization since Aug. 11, 2013.

The 92nd Troop Command is made up of over 1,600 Soldiers assigned to 20 units located across Nebraska. It is the largest major subordinate command in the Nebraska National Guard.

In saying farewell to the organization, Curington said it was an experience of a lifetime. "I will truly miss everything about Troop Command," said Curington. "The Soldiers have exceeded all expectations and because of your efforts I had a successful command, and I know I am a better person because of it."

Curington received her commission through the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets ROTC program in 1987 and was assigned to the U.S. Army Reserve control group. She joined the Wyoming Army National Guard in 1990 before transferring to the Nebraska Army National Guard in 1993. Curington deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Iraqi Freedom as the commander of the Nebraska Army National Guard's 110th Multifunctional Medical Battalion from 2007-08. Curington will now serve as the state Human Relations Officer for the Nebraska National Guard.

In assuming command, Heng said he was extremely excited to lead the 92nd Troop Command, an organization within which he has spent the majority of his military career.

"It is really a dream come true to take over Troop Command," said Heng. "We all have aspirations and this is definitely one of them."

Heng said he expects the units with the 92nd Troop Command to continue to meet their future challenges in the same professional manner that has become an organizational trademark.

"For Troop Command we have a lot of challenges ahead of us," said Heng. "Colonel Curington set the bar very high, but I am going to push you and challenge you just like Colonel Curington did. And we are going to do wonderful things."

Heng enlisted as a private in the Nebraska Army National Guard in 1986 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1990 at the Nebraska Military Academy. Heng served in Bosnia in 1999 in support of Operation Joint Forge and in Kosovo in 2003-04 under Operation Enduring Freedom. Heng has also completed two combat tours in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2008 and 2011-12.

"We are going to keep moving and keep getting better," added Heng. "And I look forward to working with all of you."